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3:53 p.m. news item

Announcer (Ken Ackerman): The New Orleans connection to the John F. Kennedy assassination has surfaced in San Francisco this time, with the revelation from a minister here that he roomed some years ago with David Ferrie, a man the Rev. Raymond Broshears says was ready to fly Lee Harvey Osland out of the United States by way of Houston, then to South Africa. Ferrie was a suspect in the case when District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans probed the assassination of the President. The Garrison case collapsed, but the San Francisco minister says that Ferrie, Oswald, other Americans and Cubans were in on a plot. Broshears says Ferrie was standing by at Houston Airport when others in the party ~~panicked and flew out of Dallas on a plane that later crashed~~ of assassins panicked and flew out of Dallas on a plane that later crashed. Rev. Broshears said this about the personality he knew as David Ferrie:

Broshears (voice): David Ferrie was a fanatic in his political ways -- David was a fanatic. David truly believed that the Communists were going to take over the government, and David -- you know -- hooked on with various causes [he felt ? (garble)] that would stop the Communists from taking over the American government.

Ackerman: So, yet another revival of the controversy over the death of JFK. Broshears said he got a direct admission from Ferrie that the pilot was involved. David Ferrie was found dead in 1967. suicide notes were next to his body, but the coroner called it death by natural causes. (end item)

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The possibly new angle in the above is the bit about the crash of the planeload of assassins. Can't recall whether we've actually heard that before, although it seems somehow familiar. For what it's worth, my original impression of Broshears, undamaged by a couple of conversations on the phone with him concerning local stories we handled or dealt with, is that as a homosexual he is no less than ordinarily vulnerable and therefore may well be working for someone.

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